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1. Between 28 June and 14 July 1948, the following eastbound transports moved through Kuestrin-Kietz on their way to Insterburg:

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Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports
28 June	56	Cement
	54	Timber for mines
29 June	108	Scrap iron
30 June	56	54 medium tanks, either new or overhauled, accompanied by guards
2 July	52	Barracks parts (wood)
	29	Officers and employees of military government, a few soldiers and dependents, and much luggage
3 July	55	Barracks parts (wood)
	52	Scrap iron
4 July	108	Hangar parts
5 July	52	Cement
	52	Scrap iron
	53	50 heavy anti-tank guns, either new or overhauled, with new tires, two cars with guards
6 July	109	Cement
7 July	52	Barracks parts
8 July	56	Roofing tiles
9 July	104	Scrap iron
10 July	30	30 medium tanks, either new or overhauled, accompanied by guards
	54	Cement
11 July	107	Hangar parts
12 July	54	Timber for mines
13 July	111	Roofing tiles
14 July	52	Lumber
	56	Barracks parts

2. During the same period, 61 empty trains (two of them passenger trains) returned from Russia and passed through Kuestrin-Kietz on their way to Germany.

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3. Between 3 and 14 July, the following eastbound transports passed through Frankfurt/Oder:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
3 July	41	Construction materials, cement
	38	Unspecified (closed cars)
	36	Closed cars with civilians (perhaps prisoners), preceded and followed by one car with machine guns; some cars equipped with antennas, all of them with barred windows; cars heavily guarded
	40	Barracks parts and lumber
	37	Large iron parts, presumably for bridge construction
4 July	36	Boxes of unspecified content
	37	Glassware *
	40	Textiles *
	37	Unspecified (closed cars)
	41	RR tank cars, guarded
5 July	40	German automobiles, new
	40	Dehydrated vegetables *
	37	Canned food *
	42	Cellulose *
	28	Military personnel, approx. 800 men
6 July	40	RR ties and masts
	42	Freight cars of Russian gauge, new
	81	Unspecified (closed cars)
	30	Textiles and large boxes of unspecified content
	38	Lumber
7 July	40	Cement
	89	Unspecified (closed cars)
	40	Barracks parts, lumber
	29	Military personnel, approx. 700
	41	Freight cars of Russian gauge, new
8 July	42	Leather goods
	110	Unspecified (closed cars)
	42	Cable drums and masts
	37	Agricultural machines
	44	Cellulose
9 July	37	Textiles
	75	Unspecified (closed cars)
	40	Barracks parts, wood
	37	German automobiles, new
	29	Military personnel, approx. 900 men
10 July	41	Dehydrated vegetables *
	37	Canned food *
	44	Unspecified (closed cars)
	34	Iron masts and RR tracks
	39	Steam engines and boiler plants
11 July	42	RR tank cars, guarded
	42	Construction material
	111	Unspecified (closed cars)
	39	New machines and machine parts
	40	Large boxes of unknown content
13 July	27	Military personnel, approx. 700
	40	Canned food *
	37	Cellulose *
	74	Unspecified (closed cars)
	37	Iron masts and cable drums
	39	lumber

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<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
14 July	42	Construction material *
	37	Unspecified (closed cars)
	28	Military personnel, approx. 900
	34	61 German armored reconnaissance cars with a greyish-bluish coat of paint, overhauled, accompanied by guards
	(not reported)	Light anti-aircraft guns (not counted)

The military transports consisted of men going on furlough; the trains were assembled in Frankfurt/Oder.

* Transports marked by an asterisk consisted mainly of closed cars whose content has been given only as far as it could be reliably determined.

4. During the same period, the following westbound military transports passed through Frankfurt/Oder:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
3 July	27	Military personnel, approx. 850 men
4 July	36	32 Russian medium tanks (covered), bound for Cottbus
5 July	38	EM and officers, (armored troops), without weapons, approx. 1,400 men
6 July	28	Military personnel, approx. 900
	37	Large iron bars
	44	38 medium tanks (covered), 6 cars with EM, bound for Eberswalde
	(unspecified)	Heavy armored train
7 July	41	EM and officers, without weapons, belonging to armored units, approx. 1,500 men
8 July	28	Military personnel, approx. 850
	24	Officers of armored units
10 July	28	Military personnel, approx. 900 men
13 July	29	Military personnel, approx. 1,000 men

The military transports, where not otherwise specified, consisted of men returning from furlough in Russia.

5. During the same period, the following prisoner-of-war transports passed through Frankfurt/Oder on their way to Germany:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u> (approx. number of passengers)
3 July	41	1,500 men
4 July	40	1,300 men
5 July	41	1,350 men
6 July	84	2,800 men
8 July	39	1,300 men
9 July	37	1,400 men

6. In addition, two westbound trains (76 cars) with approximately 2,300 civilian prisoners (men and women) passed through Frankfurt/Oder on 11 and 13 July to an unspecified destination. A total of 43 empty trains returned from Russia between 3 and 14 July and passed through Frankfurt/Oder on their way to Germany.

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